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SUBJ: LAGOS PORT CONGESTION

REF: LAGOS 10259

1. EMBASSY ISSUED VISAS ON NOVEMBER 8 TO TWO OFFICIALS OF NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY (D.O. OPARA, DEPUTY GEN. MGR, AND R.O.M AJAYI, CONTROLLER OF OPERATIONS) TRAVELLING TO U.S. IN CONNECTION WITH LAGOS/APAPA PORT CONGESTION PROBLEM. VISITORS WILL BE TALKING WITH AMERICAN-WEST AFRICAN CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK IN EFFORT TO WORK OUT MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION. ACCORDING TO THEM, GIST OF THE PROPOSAL WILL BE THAT CONFERENCE RESCHEDULE (DELAY) ARRIVALS IN LAGOS IN RETURN FOR QUOTE PARTIAL PRIORITY UNQUOTE DOCKING.

2. COMMENT:

(A) NOT SURE WHAT FORM LATTER WILL TAKE, BUT MAY BE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO UKWAL'S EXPRESS BERTH, WHEREBY CONFERENCE HAS FIRST PRIORITY ON BERTH, TO BE ALLOCATED AMONG MEMBER LINES AT ITS DESCRETION.

(B) ALSO SUPPOSE NIGERIANS WILL SEEK REDUCTION OR REMOVAL OF SURCHARGE AS PART OF PACKAGE, AND THAT TEAMS WILL BE

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TRAVELLING TO EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST, AND ASIA IN ORDER TO STAVE

OFF SURCHARGES PLANNED BY OTHER CONFERENCES. END COMMENT.

3. VISITORS SCHEDULED TO DEPART LAGOS NOVEMBER 10 AND PLAN
MAXIMUM STAY OF 2 WEEKS.

4. N.B. DELAY TIMES FOR SHIPS ENTERING LAGOS/APAPA PORT,
AS OF NOVEMBER 11, WERE AS FOLLOWS: APAPA IMPORT -- 30-35 DAYS;
APAPA EXPORT -- 3-4 DAYS; CUSTOMS QUAY -- 12-14 DAYS; APAPA
LIGHETER -- 5-10 DAYS.
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